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GIVES PRAISE TO AMERICAN CREW

House of Commons Is Told of Their Heroism in Rescuing British Victims of U-Boat.

London, March 13.—Sir J. Fortescue Flannery, member for the Maldon division of Essex, announced this morning that he would call the attention of the first lord of the admiralty today in the house of commons to the remarkable heroism and seamanship displayed by the American crew of the destroyer Parker in rescuing nine survivors, including the unconscious navigator, officer of the hospital ship Glenart Castle, sunk in the Bristol channel late in February.

The official report of the sinking of the Glenart Castle, on which the British government has lost 153 persons, announced that survivors had been landed by an American torpedo boat destroyer, the name of which was not given. Late in February, the member said he would suggest that the admiralty suitably recognize the skill of the navigator of the Parker and the gallantry of the eight American sailors who jumped into the sea and swam to the rescue of survivors on rafts and wreckage. The Glenart Castle sank at 4 o'clock in the morning of Feb. 16. The destroyer, although far distant, picked up a wireless message and hurried to the scene, where she searched the choppy sea for survivors. The first one was sighted at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, a lone man on a raft. In these submarine-infested waters it was impossible for the destroyer to halt and launch boats. She threw a line to the survivor, but he was so weak that he became entangled in the line and was carried astern of the destroyer and severely cut by her propellers. He managed, however, to climb back on the raft.

Sims Congratulates Crew.
The destroyer circled the scene and as it passed the raft again. Quartermaster J. C. Hole jumped overboard, succeeded in swimming to the raft and brought the man back to the destroyer. He was a fireman, Jesse White, of Southampton. He died later of his wounds. The crew, which continued her search and in the course of the afternoon sighted three more groups of survivors clinging to rafts and wreckage, all of whom were similarly rescued.

In congratulating the crew of the destroyer, Vice-Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in the war zone, telegraphed: "The crew of the destroyer, which was rescued by all the destroyer's crews has been inspiring, but none more so than the Parker's." One of the survivors, who was rescued late in the afternoon, said he sighted a submarine while he was struggling in the water. The U-boat passed within a few yards of him. There were two Germans on her deck. He hailed her and asked for help, but the Germans paid no attention to him.

Names of Heroes.
In all nine survivors were rescued by the Parker, of whom one died on board the destroyer. All were landed in Wales. The Americans who jumped into the water in the course of these rescues, in addition to Quartermaster Cole, were:

R. E. Hosse, boatswain's mate, David Goldman, machinist's mate, Jerry Quinn, coxswain, F. W. Joseph, yeoman, and W. W. Matthews, ship's cook, J. Newman, seaman, T. F. Troue, seaman.

CHILHOWEE HOSIERY MILLS TO BUILD ANOTHER STORY
(Special to The News.)

Athens, March 13.—The Chilhowee Hosiery mills, one of the new industries of Athens, has let the contract

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for an additional story on the mill. U. S. Bear of Sweetwater, has the contract to do the work. The Chilhowee mill is now running a day and night force and the company is daily booking big orders.

ENEMY APPROACHES LINE OF BRITISH; DRIVEN OFF

Successful Raid Carried Out North of Lens—Prisoners Taken.

London, March 13.—"A party of the enemy, which approached our line during the night in the neighborhood of La Vaqueuse, was driven off by our fire," the war office reports. "We carried out a successful raid north of Lens and brought back prisoners. South of Armentieres one of our posts was raided by a strong party of the enemy, after a heavy bombardment. A few of our men are missing. "The enemy's artillery was active yesterday evening southwest of Cambrai, opposite Loos and during the night in the Messines sector and near Paschendaele."

French Official Report.
Paris, Tuesday, March 12.—Following is the text of the communication issued by the French war office tonight: "In the Argonne and in the Vosges the artillery fire was intermittent. The bombardment was violent in the Champagne, especially in the region of Montfaucon. A German aircraft detachment carried out with success a raid into the German trenches south of Richecourt. "Aviation—On March 11 three German machines were destroyed by our planes and a fourth was damaged severely. During the night of March 11-12 three enemy bombing airplanes were brought down by the fire of our anti-aircraft guns."

ITALIAN ARTILLERY INCREASES ACTIVITY

Rome, Tuesday, March 12.—Five artillery actions at various points along the Italian front are reported in the official statement from the war office today. The text reads: "Yesterday our artillery showed increased activity against the enemy rear lines on the Tomesza plateau and at Asiago. Hostile battery positions on the left bank of the Piave were engaged with good effect. In the Asiago valley and east of the Brenta there was lively enemy artillery fire. The usual activity of our reconnaissance parties caused an exchange of rifle fire at some places. Five enemy airplanes were shot down, one by our own men, three by British aviators and the others by French anti-aircraft batteries. Our airplanes last night renewed their bombardment of enemy avh-

DEMAND DESTRUCTION OF 400 ENGLISH TOWNS

Amsterdam, Feb. 23 (by Mail).—The destruction of 400 English towns by German airplanes is demanded by the Berlin Tages Zeitung "as a reprisal" for the action of the allies in confiscating 400 German merchant ships. In a long article on the subject the paper says: "If we are in a position to destroy the whole of London it would be more humane to do so than to allow one more German to bleed to death on the battlefield. To hesitate or surrender ourselves to feelings of pity, would be unpardonable."

INDEBTED TO JAPAN Russia Deeply Obligated for War Material.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Viscount Motono, the foreign minister, at a meeting of the general budget committee of the house of peers today, was asked whether America was attempting to gain special rights in Russia, such as the transfer of the peninsula of Kamchatka, across the Bering sea from Alaska. "It is true," he said, "that Americans are active in Russia, and not only they, but the Japanese and English as well. I do not care to say anything in concrete form now except that the transfer of Kamchatka is not recognized as a fact by the government."

Viscount Motono said that the question of Russia's large obligation to Japan was very important, as Russia owes her some 200,000,000 yen for arms, munitions and other supplies. The government was paying full attention to the matter, but as the present government in Russia is not recognized by the powers, he declared it was not proper to discuss it now. At a suitable opportunity, he added, Japan would take measures in concert with the interested powers.

Producers in Smith Organize Wool Club

(Special to The News.)
Carthage, March 13.—Farmers of Smith county have organized, through the farmers' institute, which met recently, a wool marketing club. Smith county has no established market for wool and has been obliged to take whatever price itinerant buyers paid them. The organization, just established will work on the following basis: Wool growers agree to bring their wool to Carthage and place it on the market at the tobacco warehouse. Buyers from factories will be present to bid on the wool. Business will be handled in practically the same way that tobacco business is handled. This plan, according to D. M. Gallows, county agent for Smith county, should result in a better price for wool producers, with no higher price to consumers.

Silk Made in Albany Sold in Southern Cities

(Special to The News.)
Decatur, Ala., March 13.—Silk made in Albany is now being sold in Albany, Decatur, Birmingham and other cities in the south. The silk is said to be of a very fine quality and meeting with ready sale. So far as known this is the only silk mill in the entire south.

GOMPERS SENDS WORD TO RUSSIA

Washington, March 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, on behalf of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, today forwarded to the Russian soviet congress at Moscow a message of sympathy "to the Russian people" in their struggle to safeguard freedom.

Text of Message.
Mr. Gompers' message said: "We address you in the name of world liberty. We assure you that the people of the United States are pained by every blow at Russian freedom, as they would be by a blow at their own. The American people desire to be of service to the Russian people in their struggle to safeguard freedom and realize its opportunities. We desire to be informed as to how we may help. "We speak for a great organized movement of working people, who are devoted to the cause of freedom and the ideals of democracy. We assure you also that the whole American nation ardently desires to be helpful to Russia and awaits with eagerness an indication from Russia as to how help may most effectively be extended. "To all those who strive for freedom we say, courage. Just must triumph over all free people stand united against autocracy. We await your suggestions."

PLANT SPECIALISTS HELPING WIN WAR

State College, Pa., Feb. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—To prevent an annual loss estimated at 134,558,000 bushels of wheat, oats, barley and rye, and "tremendous losses" in other staple crops, specialists on agriculture have organized a war emergency board of American plant pathologists. This board has inaugurated a nationwide campaign to increase food production through control of destructive plant diseases during the coming growing season. Because the consumer pays for every rotten and scabby potato and every smutted grain of wheat or oats, the board, composed of trained workers intend to carry the campaign into all the states. Teachers, research workers and students are being enlisted in the service which will show the farmers how to increase their yields of disease-free crops. These preventable diseases will be attacked vigorously as the first step of a comprehensive program to prevent food waste. Further efforts to save food are to be made by teaching methods of eliminating losses in transportation, storage, and in households.

Combat Plant Disease.
The war emergency board, of which Dr. F. D. Kern, plant pathologist at the Pennsylvania State college, is a member, expects to give direct aid to growers as to the availability and prices of spray materials. Assistance will be given to the plant disease survey conducted by the federal department of agriculture. In co-operation with the state colleges of agriculture and other agencies. A concrete example of how the scientists will attempt to increase the food output is given in the statement that there is an annual loss of from four to five bushels of wheat and grain every year from every acre growing these crops. This loss is attributed to grain smut, a disease which, the board says, is entirely preventable by an application of a common disinfectant, costing only a few cents, to the seed before it is planted. Spreading information of this nature and of similar character for other crops on other preventable diseases is to be one of the chief activities of the board.

The board is making a complete survey of the workers who are qualified and willing to assist in the battle against plant diseases. To this end, the board is making a study of the status of plant disease specialists who will be enlisted. Seven men, all pathologists at agricultural colleges, constitute the war emergency board. They are: H. H. Whetzel, chairman, New York State College of Agriculture; H. P. Barrs, Agricultural college, Corvallis, Oregon; E. C. Stakeman, Agricultural college, St. Paul, Minn.; G. H. Coad, Agricultural college, East Lansing, Mich.; F. D. Kern, State College, Pa.; H. W. Barre, Clemson College, S. C., and G. R. Lyman, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Barn Near Cleveland Struck by Lightning

Cleveland, March 13.—Lightning struck a barn belonging to J. G. Hubbard, a farmer, living about ten miles south of here, Saturday night during a storm, which caused a fire which destroyed the barn and its contents. A fine team of mules, a 5-year-old mare, and a quantity of hay and corn were lost. The loss is about \$1,500, with insurance of about \$500.

Fruit Not Injured in Tunnel Hill Section

(Special to The News.)
Tunnel Hill, Ga., March 13.—When spring opened up a double task confronted our farmers—of completing the gathering of last year's corn and cotton crops and also getting ready for the future crops. Good progress has been made along all lines. The fruit crop is not injured by the recent cold snap, but experienced fruit men say that April is the dangerous month for fruit.

PALACES SHELTER REFUGEES AND SERVE AS HOSPITALS

Rome, Feb. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The finest old palaces in Italy are gradually being turned into habitations again after centuries of disuse, due to the need for soldier hospitals and for shelter for the hundreds of thousands of refugees from the invaded provinces. Part of the immense palace at Caserta, built in 1757 for the King of Naples, commonly known as the Versailles of Italy has been turned into a barracks for Austrian prisoners. Two years ago King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena gave the huge royal palace on the Quirinal hill in Rome for use as a hospital, and lately they have given their own private apartments to refugees. Among the buildings belonging to the Catholic church loaned for the same purpose by order of Pope Bene-

dict is the monastery of St. Anselm, on the Aventine hill. The American Red Cross has recommended the housing of refugees in especially built huts as these places are unfitted for the homes of poor or working people.

WILL DONATE BOOKS FOR WAR SERVICE LIBRARY

Drive to Commence at Decatur, Ala., Under Supervision of Miss Leadingham. (Special to The News.)
Decatur, Ala., March 13.—Commencing March 18 and continuing through March 25, a drive will be made in Decatur and Albany for donations for books for the war service library. The drive will be under the supervision of Miss Leadingham, librarian at the Carnegie library.

SOLDIER ADMITTED HE WAS A DESERTER

Luke Mayfield, of Near Etowah, Arrested Near Charleston for Stealing Mule.

Cleveland, March 13.—Luke Mayfield, whose home is said to be near Etowah, Tenn., has been arrested, three miles from Charleston, charged with being a deserter from the army and disposing of a stolen mule. When arrested he was in civilian clothes and was armed with a 35 Savage automatic and a wicked-looking knife. When taken before Esquire Stone he pleaded guilty to being a deserter from the army. According to his story, he is a member of the Etowah company of the Third Tennessee infantry, which he accompanied to the border, and was later called out and sent to Greenville, S. C. Some months ago he received notice of the death of his father and was refused a furlough, whereupon he ran away. He was later caught by the officers at Etowah and taken to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., from which place he escaped and has since been at large.

Dyer County Makes Boast of Leadership

(Special to The News.)
Dyersburg, March 13.—Organization work in food conservation is not slackening, even though the activities of the past year have been strenuous. The county food administrator, D. W. Moss, the chairman of the women's unit, the county home demonstration agent, and the county farm demonstration agent are working together to carry to each community the different phases of community work possible under the plans outlined a year ago. Communities themselves are active and sending invitations for addresses on particular subjects of interest. Dyer county boasts of being in better condition to any call that the government may make than any other county in the state.

AMATEUR GARDENING IN PARIS PROVES SUCCESS

Paris, Feb. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Amateur gardening around the fortifications of Paris was so successful last year that applications for gardening plots for the coming season have multiplied beyond the space available. The allotment of these garden spots of a hundred yards square each will soon be made upon written applications, preference being given to large and necessitous families. Families with five or more children will be allowed two lots.

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